



TANZANIA HIGHLIGHTS SAFARI ITINERARY



YOUR JOURNEY IN DETAIL...

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport, clear customs and immigration. **Canadian passport holders are required to have a valid passport and visa to enter Tanzania.**

You will be assisted with your luggage then transferred to your hotel in Arusha for check in.

Overnight: Mount Meru Game lodge

Day 2, Saturday
ARUSHA - LAKE MANYARA PARK
APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 140KM / 3 HRS

Check out of the hotel after breakfast. You will meet your driver-guide who will guide your safari hence forth. You will be given a short safari briefing on what to expect while on safari. This briefing will comprise of how to dress on safari, how to behave on the game viewing drives in the parks or reserves. Your driver-guide will also advise on daily departure times, when you can leave the camp to start the safari, this information is given daily.

Depart Arusha for Lake Manyara, a shallow alkaline lake that shimmers in a cleft in the Great Rift Valley. Travel through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee, and banana plantations.



Typically shimmering in a golden heat haze, the lake is often frosted with thousands of flamingos, while the trees that surround the lake are famous for their tree-climbing lions. The park also offers abundant sightings of; monkey, jackal, mongoose, hyena, hyrax, zebra, hippo, warthog, buffalo, Masai giraffe, duiker, waterbuck and impala. Significant numbers of elephant are also resident in the Park whilst sightings of black rhino and leopard are not uncommon.

Arrive for dinner at the lodge.

Overnight: Lake Mayara Serena Lodge

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 3, Sunday

LAKE MANYARA - SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 300KM / 6-7 HOURS

After breakfast, check out of the lodge and leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which are filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you begin spotting wildlife as you approach the entrance gate. Complete the formalities and enter the park with game viewing en route to the camp arriving for lunch.

Enjoy your lunch at the lodge and then continue your game viewing drive.

Covering an area of 14,763 square kilometres, the world-famous Serengeti National Park is Tanzania's oldest park, and one of the world's last great wildlife refuges. It stretches as far as Lake Victoria to the West. Its name comes from the Maasai word Siringet, meaning 'endless plains'. The park's vegetation ranges from the short and long grass plains in the south, to the acacia savannah in the centre and wooded grasslands concentrated around the tributaries of the Grumeti and the Mara rivers in the park. The western corridor is a region of wooded highland and extensive plains reaching the edge of Lake Victoria. In the early morning and evening light, the Serengeti landscape is stunningly beautiful. The Serengeti ecosystem supports the greatest remaining concentration of plains game in Africa, including more than three million large mammals. It is the sanctuary of an estimated four million different animals and birds.



Wildlife that roam the vast park include lions (the adult males of Serengeti have characteristic black manes), cheetahs, hunting dogs, Savannah elephant, Cape buffalo, topis, wart hogs, hunting dogs and spotted hyena among others.

Return to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight: Serengeti Serena Lodge

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4, Monday

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

OPTIONAL: BALLOON SAFARI IN SERENGETI – Supplement cost

(Note: The balloon ride replaces the morning game drive)

Hot air ballooning over the vast Serengeti plains is the ultimate game viewing experience. Arrive at your launch site before dawn; take off as the sun rises over the hills. Your journey gives you a bird's eye view of the wildlife as you look for leopard in the branches of an acacia tree. After your forty to sixty minute ride, you are met by the ground crew for the traditional.

"Champagne toast" followed by a magnificent breakfast, cooked and served on the Serengeti.



A thrilling day of game viewing will take you to prime areas for seeing the fullest possible variety of animals. Visit hippo pools in the Seronera Valley, forests where leopard and colobus monkeys live in the treetops, kopjes where lions laze in the shade, and riversides where large animals congregate to drink. Return to your lodge.

Overnight: Serengeti Serena Lodge

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 5, Tuesday

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK - NGORONGORO CRATER

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 160KM / 3 HOURS

Check out of the lodge and enjoy a game drive as you exit the park. Depart for the highlands and stopping en-route for a visit of Olduvai Gorge, where an old river has carved away the rock to expose layer upon layer of volcanic soil. This is where Dr Louis and Mary Leakey found the remains of hominids "Nutcracker Man" and "Tool making Man". The "Cradle of Mankind" now has a visitor centre where you may hear a short lecture on the work of the Leakey's and their successors and a small museum where you may see some of their finds, including a giant giraffe - it is hard to believe that they were once even taller!



Arrive at your well-placed lodge on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, with grand views of the ancient volcanic basin 2,000 feet below.
Spend the afternoon at leisure.

NOTE: Warm jacket/cardigan is highly recommended.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6, Wednesday NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast, depart the lodge and descend to the floor of the Crater for game viewing drives. Often described as the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” the Ngorongoro Crater is a spectacular natural sanctuary for over 25,000 animals, including the black rhino.



Tanzania's prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Eighth Wonder of the World, has yawned heavenward for millennia. Deep within its immense walls is a breath-taking blue-green landscape dotted with plains, lakes and forests; an eerie, otherworldly “land that time forgot” thick with massive bull elephants, rhinos, wildebeests and the highest concentration of lions in Africa.

Enjoy a picnic lunch before returning to the lodge.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 7, Thursday NGORONGORO - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 208KM / 4 HOURS

After breakfast, check out and we set off for Tarangire National Park. Named for the river that nourishes the wildlife of a vast ecosystem, Tarangire is home to elephant, zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, buffalo, eland,

waterbuck, lion, giraffe, oryx and an unsurpassed diversity of birds. From June to November, masses of wildlife congregate around the river, but the park is a stronghold for big game year-round.



Enjoy a game drive before retiring to your beautifully designed lodge, hidden among ancient baobab trees and giant rock kopjes within the park.

Overnight: Tarangire River Camp

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 8, Friday

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – ARUSHA

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 150KM / 2 ½ HOURS

ARUSHA - KILIMANJARO

After breakfast, check out of the camp and you are transferred to Arusha where after lunch you will be dropped off at Kilimanjaro airport for your onward flight home.

END OF SERVICES
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Included in the safari tour costs are the following:

- Transfers to and from Kilimanjaro airport
- Accommodation as stipulated in the Itinerary:
- Ngorongoro Crater Tour
- Services of an English-speaking driver-guide, game viewing drives and park entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary.
- All Government taxes and levies.
- All meet and greet services.
- 24-hour stand-by contact number.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary, breakfast in Arusha & all meals on safari.
- Shared game viewing drives with maximum 6 or 7 people guaranteed a window seat.
- Two-way long range high frequency radio communication in each vehicle.
- On safari accessories in each vehicle: First-aid kits, wildlife books, cool box and fire extinguisher.

Not included in the safari are the following:

- International airfare including air taxes
- Tanzania Visa fee
- All items of personal nature e.g. telephone call bills, fax/email bills etc.
- Gratuities and Tips to Hotels/Lodges/Camps staff and Driver/Guide(s).
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Laundry services.
- Concession fees (In case of any new fees introduced by parks without our knowledge).

- Flying doctors coverage: Optional @ US\$ 50.00 per person.
 - o Covers you within East Africa for a period of 14 days. In the eventuality of a medical emergency, you will be airlifted to Nairobi where you will be taken to a good hospital. Hospital bills are born by the patient. We highly recommended you to have your personal insurance

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